



the adjudication of business law cases and make recommendations to this court.


Membership of the Commission is set forth in Exhibit B.

The Commission shall file a report with this court on its findings and recommendations no later than nine months from the date of this order.

Dated this 24TH day of September, 2025.


_____, C.J.
Herndon


_____, J.
Pickering


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Parraguirre


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Bell


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Stiglich


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Cadish


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Lee

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EXHIBIT A

ADOPTION OF SUPREME COURT RULE 254 RELATING TO THE CREATION OF NEVADA BUSINESS COURT

Rule 254. Proceedings in business courts.

1. **Business courts defined.** Business courts are comprised of district court judges selected from Clark and Washoe Counties dedicated to adjudicating business court matters as defined by this rule.

2. **Business matters defined.** “Business matters” shall be comprised of the following case types:

(a) Matters in which the primary claims or issues are based on, or will require decision under NRS Chapters 78-92A or other similar statutes from other jurisdictions, without regard to the amount in controversy;

(b) Any of the following:

(i) Claims or cases arising under the Uniform Commercial Code, or as to which the Code will supply the rule of decision;

(ii) Claims arising from business torts;

(iii) A dispute concerning a trademark or trade name; a claim asserted pursuant to the Nevada Trade Secrets Act, NRS 600A.010, et seq.; a claim asserted pursuant to the Nevada Securities Act, NRS 90.211, et seq.; a claim asserted pursuant to the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act, NRS 598.0903, et seq.; a claim involving investment securities governed by NRS 104.8101, et seq.;

(iv) Claims arising from the purchase or sale of (A) the stock of a business, (B) all or substantially all of the assets of a business, or (C) commercial real estate;

(v) Business franchise transactions and relationships.

3. Assignment of business matters.

(a) Only matters identified in subsection 2 of this rule shall be assigned to the business court.

(b) Business court judges exclusively adjudicate matters assigned to the business court and shall not preside over any other case types.

(c) Any party in a case may file a request in the pleadings that a case be assigned as a business matter. Only cases meeting the definition of a business matter as defined in subsection 2 of this rule may be reassigned as a business matter. A business judge will determine whether the case should be handled as a business matter.

(d) Any party aggrieved by the decision as to whether or not to designate a case as a business matter may seek review by the business court judge within ten (10) days of receipt of the business court assignment decision or within ten (10) days of filing a responsive pleading, whichever is later. The decision of the business court judge to accept or decline jurisdiction is final and is not appealable or reviewable upon a petition for extraordinary writ.

(e) If a case with a business court designation is later removed from the business court, it shall be reassigned to another department in line with the procedures in place in the judicial district in which it was filed.

(f) If a business court judge is the subject of a preemptory challenge pursuant to SCR 48.1, the district court clerk shall randomly reassign the case to another business court judge irrespective of the county in which the business court judge sits.

4. Qualifications of business court judges.

(a) The Commission To Study The Adjudication Of Business Law Cases created under ADKT 0627 shall select five members to serve as a nominating committee. Those members shall serve for a term of two years. Whenever a

vacancy occurs or a member's term expires, appointments of new members and/or reappointments of existing members shall be done by the Supreme Court Chief Justice. In filling the initial business court openings and/or in filling any subsequent vacancies, the nominating committee shall accept applications from interested district judges, conduct interviews, and submit a list of qualified applicants to the Supreme Court Chief Justice. The Chief Justice shall select qualified applicants from the list to serve as business court judges.

(b) A business court judge shall be experienced and learned in the case types identified in subsection 2 of this rule. A business court judge may satisfy this experience requirement through education, training, practice as an attorney, service in the judiciary or a combination thereof. Business court judges shall participate in additional case type specific training as available.

(c) A business court judge shall serve a term of not less than two years and not more than four years and may apply for an additional four-year term.

5. **Discovery.** All discovery matters related to cases on the business court docket shall be retained by the business court judge.

6. **Dispositions.** All dispositive dispositions issued by a business court judge shall be in writing and shall be citable as persuasive authority. Dispositions shall be made available to the public. The time to disposition of any matter filed in business court shall not exceed one year from the date the matter is docketed in business court, unless upon good cause shown.

EXHIBIT B

Business Court Commission Members

Name	Affiliation
Douglas W. Herndon, Chief	Supreme Court Justice
Lidia S. Stiglich	Supreme Court Justice
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